

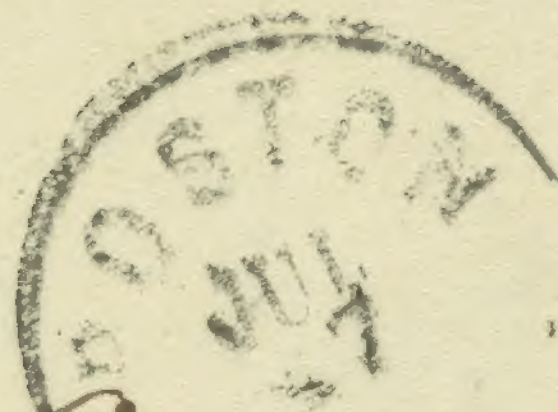
Father. Roxbury.
July 27, 1865.

Mrs. Helen E. Garrison

Care of Dr. Dow, 72 High

Providence,

R. I.



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Is the report that the 5th Regt is to
be discharged in full confidence, and of course
stand in formation.

Roxbury, July 23, 1865.

Dear Wife:

Frank and I were promptly at the
Roxbury depot, yesterday afternoon, at 6
o'clock, to receive Fanny and Harry on their
arrival. They reported having had a pleasant
time in Providence, with thanks to ^{brother} Henry,
Charlotte, and others, for their kind attentions.
They also reported you as still improving,
though your poor paralyzed arm continues
as much disabled as ever. I trust the
Doctor's hopefulness as to its ultimate re-
covery will be realized; ^{but} ~~and~~ this only time
can determine.

Thursday afternoon Dr. Mann came,
according to appointment, and extracted five
of my teeth. Only two of them caused me
much pain. The eye tooth was very strong
and firm, and required a good deal of
pulling to get it out. I also had one or
two remaining roots to be taken out.

Of course, I went through it all without wincing, discarding ether and chloroform. Dr. Mann, as soon as the bleeding ceased, proceeded to take a plaster impression of the gums; the next forenoon, he brought out a set of teeth to see how they fitted before putting them upon a permanent plate; and yesterday he brought them all completed, and they now adorn my mouth, looking so natural that no one would suspect they are artificial. My lacerated gums are still somewhat tender, so that I cannot eat without pain; but I find no difficulty in articulating, so that I shall have no occasion to practise aside, as you considerately suggest in your letter. I am heartily glad the operation is over, and feel sure that I am the gainer by it. In the course of three or four months my gums will shrink so as to require a new plate. How agreeably surprised and fortunate I am to get supplied with so little delay!

Thus equipped, I shall be able to go to Providence on Friday to bring you home, if you desire it. But Mr. Villard proposes taking Fanny and Ella with him to Newport on Wednesday, and then returning in season on Friday from Newport to accompany you to Boston. I will come, nevertheless, if that is your wish. Whether I come or act by proxy, I will see that Dr. Dow's bill is promptly settled. Remember, Friday is to be the day, as it will exactly complete the week.

We have now with us Emma Mott, Maria Hopper, Willie Davis, Frank Knight, and Charles McKim, so that all our beds are occupied. Emma's sister is expected in a few days. A young lady of Ella's acquaintance has been spending a few days with us. Our chances for company will not be lessened by our residence in Roxbury. Of course, the young folks in special must be visited.

Anne W. Weston has written a very kind and congratulatory letter on learning of the engagement between Harry and Fanny, and invites us all to come down and spend a day with them next week.

I saw Abby K. Foster at the Anti-Slavery Office a few days ago, and had a pleasant interview with her - she being in a tender state of mind, and rejoicing to hear of Fanny's engagement, Wendell's prospective marriage, and your improving condition.

July 23rd 1845

William and Ella, Emma and Maria, Harry and Fanny have just gone on a ride to Milton Hill, and to make a call on Mr. Pierce and lady.

Only think of my being made an honorary member of the Phi Beta Kappa at Cambridge! "The world moves."

All send their loving regards to you, and kind remembrances to the beloved ones at P. Your loving W. D. G.